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Title: CAPACITOR INTEGRATION AT TOP-METAL LEVEL WITH A PROTECTIVE
CLADDING FOR COPPER SURFACE PROTECTION

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 30, 2007. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-15 are pending in this case.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-9, 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over List et al. in view of Gambino et al. (U.S. Patent 6,429,474 B1).